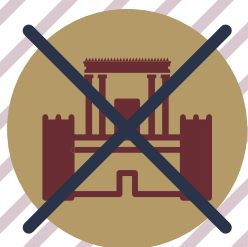


**In response to the decrees of Antiochus and the Greeks, some Jews chose to abandon the commandments of the Jewish religion, convert to the Hellenic religion and adopted the Hellenistic, Greek culture.**



**The converted Jews looked,  
dressed and behaved like Greeks  
in every way.**



**As opposed to the converted Jews,  
there was a significant part of the  
Jewish people, who declared a  
revolt against the Greeks and their  
supporters.**



**The revolt against the Greeks and their supporters was led by the Hasmonean family.**

**The family members lived in the Modi'in area and led the revolt that lasted for about 7 years.**





**Matityahu, the head of the family,  
started the revolt in Modi'in.**

**A few thousand warriors,  
incompetent and completely  
unorganized, joined Matityahu  
and his sons.**



**Their spirit and determination  
helped them on the battlefield  
and enabled them to bravely  
face the Greek Empire.**



**Matityahu, who was already an old man at this time, died a year later. Yehuda, the third of his five sons, replaced him in leading the revolt and became the commander of the revolt.**



**Yehuda Ha'Maccabi not only won on the battlefield, but also led the conquest of the Temple. As a result of this action the Jews also got to witness the miracle of the jug of pure oil.**





**As a result of these battles, a Jewish Kingdom was established on a continuous territory controlled by Yehuda and his brothers, the Hasmonean family.**

